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SCHOOL FOR PRACTICAL NURSING GRADUATES CLASS XII

On Thursday evening, September 8, graduating exercises for Class XII of our School for Practical Nursing were held in the Lecture Hall. The President of our Board of Managers, Mr. Philip Bastedo, who generally presides at these functions, was unable to be present, but the position of presiding officer was most ably filled by Mr. Reginald T. Townsend, a member of our Advisory Council, and for many years, on our Board of managers. The invocation and benediction to open and close the exercises were given by the Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Assistant Pastor of the Guardian Angel Church of New York City.

Mr. Townsend first introduced Mrs. Walter D. Fletcher, senior Vice-President of our Board of Managers and Chairman of our Nursing Committee, who then presented the speaker of the evening, Dr. Cornelius H.

Front Row (L. to R.): Rose Ruocco, Martha Puletz, Leola Wright, Miss Dean Smith, R.N., Educational Director, Margaret Horowitz, Gertrude Willis, Dwan Barnes. Back Row: Miriam Gellman, Margaret Smith, Jessie DuPont, Catherine Horan, Kathryn Fedorka, Doris Grozier.

Traeger, Attending Physician of our Department of Rheumatic Diseases. Dr. Traeger gave a short but interesting talk on the subject of nurse-doctor-patient relationship. He knew whereof he spoke, for not only has he spent most of his medical career working with nurses in their care of patients, but he married a member of that profession.

At the close of this address, Mr. Townsend introduced Mrs. John H. Reynolds, a Vice-President of our Board of Managers as well as a member of our Nursing Committee, and she presented the awards. Miss Kathryn Fedorka was awarded the Golden Scissors, given to the best all around student. Miss Doris Grozier received a U.S. Government bond for the highest scholastic standing, and Miss Dwan Barnes also received a bond for the student making the most progress. Miss Margaret Horowitz received Honorable Mention for Leadership. Miss Mary Jeanne Clapp, Director of Nursing, presented the graduating class to Mr. Townsend and he and Miss Dean Smith, R.N., Educational Director, gave the graduates their diplomas and pins.

Miss Horowitz, Class President, made the response for the Class, but before doing so, turned over to Miss Clapp a check for $60 as a gift from the Class to the Logotheton Fund. Mr. T. Gordon Young, Director of the Hospital, closed the exercises by complimenting the Class on its record and invited everyone present to stay for refreshments.

**********J. C. H.

CHARLES W. BREIMER, M.D.
1911-1960

Charles W. Breimer died on July 28, 1960 at New York Hospital after an illness of several months. In his passing, the Hospital for Special Surgery has lost a devoted and outstanding member of its staff.

Dr. Breimer became an assistant to Dr. Raymond W. Lewis in 1947 and, in addition to carrying on a busy private practice, devoted several hours a day in the x-ray department. He was Director of the Department of Roentgenology from 1955 to 1957; Associate Director from 1957 until his death and was an Assistant Professor of Clinical Radiology at Cornell University Medical College from 1955.

All who have known Dr. Breimer will remember his wide range of medical knowledge and his exceptional perception in the interpretation of radiographs. This ability permitted him to make a positive statement, which is indeed a rare quality among radiologists.

Dr. Breimer's devotion to duty was another of his outstanding qualities and for many months in 1955 he carried on as the only radiologist at the hospital. Those of us who had the privilege of being taught by him (including the residents from both New York Hospital and Roosevelt Hosptial) can attest to his remarkable teaching ability. His loss will be keenly felt by all who knew him.

R. H. Freiberger, M.D.

ANNUAL DOCTORS "CONFERENCE"

A very interesting and enjoyable day was spent at the Scarsdale Country Club on September 15th. Golf, Tennis, Poker and Special Fluids Tournament were some of the events of the day. Dr. Freyberg was our host this year. What impressed me most about the club, apart from those voracious water holes, were the Toiletry and tonsorial appurtenances that are available for the fatigued sportsman. The dazzling array of hair tonics, facial perfumes and foot powders are assurances that even the worst golfers are well groomed for dinner.

Dr. Amstutz, the current Golf Chairman, thoughtfully arranged our traditional California weather. The poor fellow had to grapple with high finance, golf handicaps, a little politics and indigestion from having to bolt his food. These affairs take a great deal of planning as well as last minute exertions. Thanks are due to Drs. Amstutz and Rizzo for their efforts and to the many people who contributed in different ways. The fact that some of our alumni travel down from Connecticut to spend this day with us is testimony to its success. They even come from Yonkers. This year's outing was particularly happy for me since, for the first time, I had no work to do. I was thus able to pay greater attention to the after dinner "scientific discussion" with interesting asides by Dr. Joseph Mason at my table.

The two first prizes were won by the sincere Dr. Marchisello (low net) and the previous champ Dr. Lankin (low gross). Even some of the losers were winners. For example, Dr. Baumann won the prize for the highest gross score and for decimating the most game. He managed to mortally wound 4 ducks, 3 squirrels and one golfer by merely welding his clubs (loaned by Dr. Rizzo, Sr.). His caddy managed to avoid injury by taking refuge behind trees and rocks. Personally, I was sorry for it could have been an attractive compensation case. A prize for the best tennis playing was awarded to Dr. Match. Dr. Veliskakis won a prize for merely being there, which he accepted reluctuantly.

We had attempted to draft Rolla Campbell as the M.C., since he is noted for his incisive comments, especially when suitably stimulated. However, Rolla bowed out, but fortunately, Sandy Lazar provided an excellent substitute.

The dinner was graced by the presence of two old 'pros'-- Dr. Philip D. Wilson, who aided the M.C. by insisting that almost everyone recount a humorous tale, and Dr. Wagner was also happily with us. He had long been an avid supporter of these outings, and was the first winner of the HSS Cup.

Samples of the evenings humor have been censored by the editor who has no sense of humor.

********** B. J.

(The above sentence is gross slander, for no stories were recounted to us. The writer will soon hear from our attorneys--Ye Ed.)

STATISTICS GATHERED AT DOCTORS "CONFERENCE"

Low Gross	Dr. Joseph Lankin	85
Low Net	Dr. Peter Marchisello(141-65)	76
Booby Prize	Dr. Jurg Baumann	157

We understand there was some unusually fierce tennis competition this year and of the participants, two deserve honorable mention: Mr. Philip Bastedo and Dr. Ronald Match.

********** J. C. H.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

JOHNNY SAFETY SAYS:

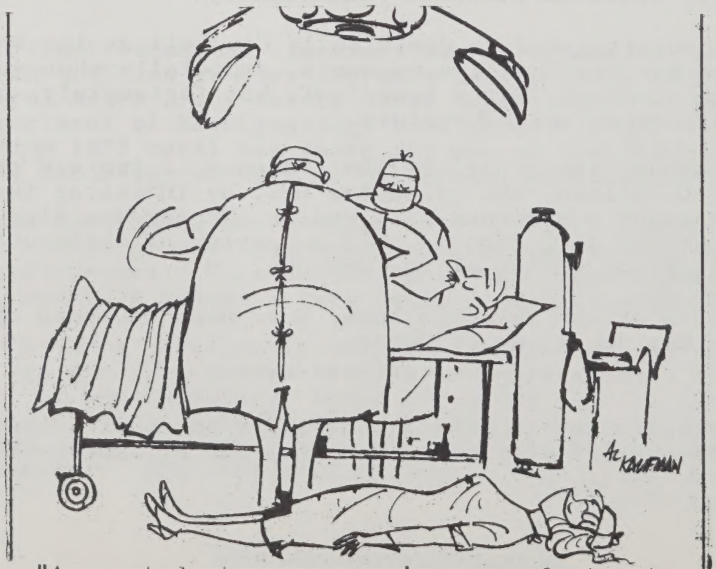
"Learn how to lift—lifting takes more than muscle; it is an art. Don't try to show how strong you are; you may end up in the Hospital (as a patient). Get help to handle anything that is too heavy or cumbersome for you."

FIRE DEMONSTRATION TO BE HELD ON ROOF

Lt. Edward McQuillan, of the New York City Fire Department, will present an interesting fire demonstration on the roof. The demonstration, which will be held on October 5th at 4:00 p.m., will teach us how to extinguish bed fires and will also show us how to use our fire extinguishers. Don't forget!

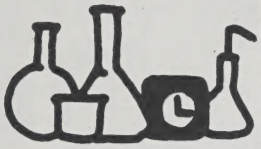
HSS climbs higher in the national safety contest and has now attained fourteenth place. If you will remember, we were twenty-third last quarter. We're climbing up the ladder. This contest, sponsored jointly by the American Hospital Association and the National Safety Council, runs the entire year. There are over four hundred hospitals registered for the contest, with hospitals from 50 states participating.

********** W. R. B.



"As a student nurse, you're very fortunate to witness an operation of this kind."

TEST TUBES AND GUINEA PIGS
RESEARCH BUILDING NEWS ITEMS



Outside of the gusty winds and teeming rains which Hurricane Donna brought, she also blew quite a few of the Research people back to the Labs all tan and anxious to return to their vital and interesting work.

Some of the Research Vacationers managed to incorporate business with their pleasure.

Dr. Adam Nowoslawski attended a symposium on Pathological Proteins in Cells. He toured 14 cities in the Eastern and Mid-Western parts of the U. S. and inspected 6 medical schools. This tour was sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation.

Dr. Mellors and his sons, Robert, William and John, displayed their Izaak Walton abilities at Caspary Lodge with a fine catch of pickerel (9 BIG, Big, big ones).

Researchers gave a surprise engagement party for one of their favorite people, Beth Sengson and presented her with a rotisserie, lazy susan and electric coffee maker.

Juan (Tony) Salgado who works on week-ends in the Animal Care Department is very fond of the inmates but confesses his allergy to rabbit fur keeps him from getting too chummy with them.

Sheila Yelsky, secretary to Dr. Mellors, is so delighted with the colorful Utrillo paintings that now hang on her wall and invites all art lovers to see them displayed.

New Arrivals in Research

We wish to give a big welcome to the following additions to the Research staff.

Dr. H. Bienenstock - Rheu. Disease Fellow
Dr. Edward J. Carey - Orth. Res. Fellow
Doris Fok - Chief Technician, Dr. Robbins Lab.
Margaret Reihl - Sedretary to Dr. Bronner
Dr. W. Robbins - Rheu. Research Collaborator
Edith Schwartz - Dr. Heimer's Lab.
Dr. Jean-Claude Stoclet - Research Fellow
Raul Vidal - Technician, Dr. Korngold's Lab.

My !!! We certainly are growing.

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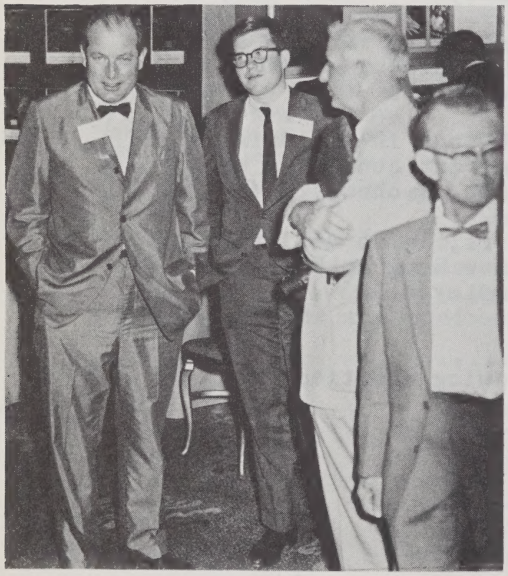
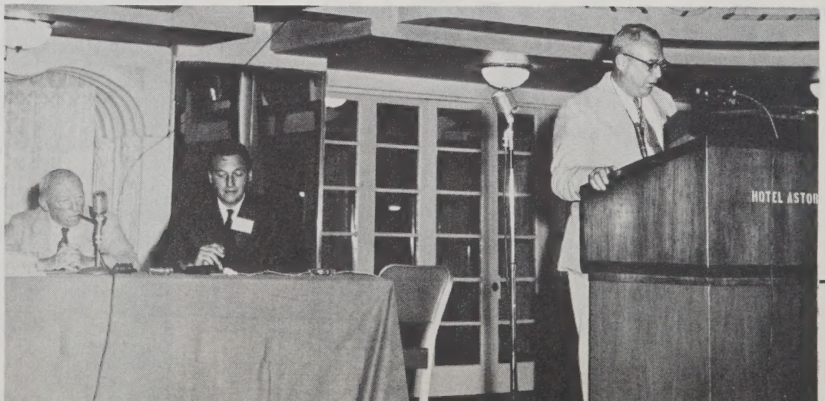
M. K.





Société Internationale de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie

(SICOT)

MEETING OF SICOT

During the week from Sunday, September 4th to Friday, September 9th, the International Society for Orthopedics and Traumatology met here in New York at the Hotel Astor. Dr. Philip D. Wilson was chairman of the committee for local arrangements and thus set up the entire congress. Dr. L. Ramsay Straub was secretary of the congress and thus had to manage all the administrative details. He was ably assisted by Dr. Philip D. Wilson, Jr., Social Chairman and Public Relations Committee Chairman, Dr. John Paul Harvey, Registration and Dr. Bernard Jacobs, Assistant Registration Chairmen, respectively, and many others around the hospital. Mrs. Eve Boyden, whom many of you have seen on the 3rd floor, has been working on the congress for the past 4 months and as Administrator, actually made "all the wheels go around."

This Society meets every three years and its membership is comprised of outstanding orthopedic surgeons from all countries of the world. It is truly international with doctors at this congress from Japan, Thailand, all of Europe, South America, Austrailia and elsewhere. It is a United Nations of the orthopedic world. It is significant that over 950 doctors were registered with 300 from the United States and the remainder from foreign countries.

Many of our old friends were here. Sir Harry Platt, noted surgeon from England, Dr. Hans Mau, from Germany, Dr. Jerry Lord, from France, Dr. Manuel Gomez from Portugal, Dr. Juan Ruiz, from Colombia, Dr. Oscar Scaglietti, from Italy, to mention only a few.

Special Surgery did its own bit to break the Iron Curtain. A group of approximately 11 Russians arrived on Saturday, September 3rd, and toured the hospital and gave a small award to Dr. T. C. Thompson and Dr. Sanford Lazar. They then spent the week at the congress.

Many interesting papers were presented and social events were provided on each day after the meeting. One very interesting trip was a boat ride on the "Peter Stuyvesant" up the Hudson to the Tappan Zee, then back down to lower New York Harbor, up the East River and finally home.

On Monday evening, all the American doctors arranged dinners for small groups and everyone of the 600 visitors, most with wives, spent time with some Americans. The Russians also partook and it was reported they very much enjoyed their visit to an American Home.

All the visitors were impressed with the efficient way the meeting ran and with the translation. Papers could be given in Spanish, French and English, and simultaneous translations were provided by individual radios which were present so that one could listen in to the language desired.

A wonderful banquet and dance took place Thursday, September 8th, and at this time a message from President Eisenhower was read. The meeting was closed Friday and at this time Dr. Philip D. Wilson was elected President of the next congress to be held in 1963 in Vienna, Austria. This is the highest honor of this Society and an honor richly deserved by the recipient. It is the first time an American has been so honored.

********** J. P. H., Jr.

NIGHTINGALES CHIRP

Summer is over and most of us are back to work again for another year. Since our last issue we have taken on several new nursing personnel. Mildred Wagner and Rose Sullivan came during the summer and are working in the clinic. More recently Mary Finucone came and is working on 6 South. Hannah O'Shea, who is Miss Curran's sister, is now with us on 6 North. Barbara Bauer has started on 5 North and our most recent acquisition from Misericordia is Annette O'Neill who is working on 5 South. Welcome to you all.

We also had a number of engagements and marriages over the summer months. Eileen McKenna was married to Tom O'Shea on August 20. Rochelle Gonzales became Mrs. Canino on June 24th and Gwendolyn Colter became Mrs. Bryant on August 7th. Maureen O'Rourke became engaged to Ed Stroud and a lovely ring turned up on the finger of Linda Pratt following her vacation. Congratulations to you both. Last but not least, congratulations are in order for Joe Carter who was also married.

We send condolences to Cecilia Russo and Ruth LeFevre who both lost a member of their families.

Graduation time again. This time it was class XII. We all hope to see a few students back as graduates. The class held a shower for Lee Wright on September 14th. Lee is expecting her first child in January.

We were sorry to hear that Eileen McCarthy was a patient in another hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery. A get well is in order for Miss Rathburn who is a patient here in our hospital.

Closing for this month, we wish all who have some fall vacation time a pleasant vacation with fair, cool weather.

********** J. C.

ALUMNI NOTES

Don't forget that November 18 is Alumni Day here at HSS. You will all very soon hear more details of this meeting from the president of the Association. In the meantime, make a note of the date and plan to be here. Remember, also, that the formal exercise of dedication of our new Caspary Research Building, which houses the Philip D. Wilson Research Foundation, will be held on the preceeding day, November 17th. You are cordially invited to attend both events.

Dr. Bernard Rogoff, of our Rheumatic Diseases Department, left on September 12 for a trip to South America. He promised that when he returns, he will give us a full report on where he went, what meetings he attended and what lectures he gave while he was there.

In the June issue of the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, Dr. Allan Inglis, one of the Residents of this hospital, had an article entitled "Genetic Implications in Coxa Plana."

In a symposium sponsored by the American Cancer Society, Dr. Robert C. Mellors, Director of our Department of Laboratories, presented an article entitled "Tumor Cell Localization of the Antigens of the Shope Papilloma Virus and the Rous Sarcoma Virus."

We had a note recently from Mrs. Arthur H. Van Dyke of Atlanta, Georgia. In it she said that her husband has been ill since 1951 and confined to his bed since 1956. He has a lingering illness which requires 24 hour care and is gradually growing weaker. He will be 91 years old next year. Mrs. Van Dyke wishes to express her thanks to all the members of our alumni body, especially Dr. Wagner, for their rememberance of him.

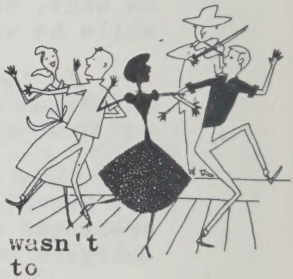
A birthday party celebrating Lewis Clark Wagner's 65th anniversary was held in the Conference Room of the Caspary Research Building on August 26th. At that time, Wag was presented with two beautifully bound volumes containing congratulatory letters from over 150 doctors who have been associated with him during his years as a member of the staff of the old Ruptured and Crippled Hospital and the Hospital for Special Surgery. Wag is now a patient at the Veterans Hospital, West Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, New York.

On September 14, New York City dedicated a new headquarters building for the city's Chief Medical Examiner. As you know, this position is now held by one who is familiar to all of you, Dr. Milton Helpern. This building is situated on the corner of 1st Avenue and 30th Street. Dr. Helpern said that this structure was the first of its kind in size and completeness in the United States.

At the close of the Eighth World Congress of the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples (see this issue), a Cerebral Palsy Clinic was held for a week which was sponsored both by the International Society and the United Cerebral Palsy Association. On Tuesday, September 13, an all day seminar was conducted at HSS by Dr. William Cooper and his staff.

Two other members of our staff had articles published recently in medical magazines. Drs. James A. Nicholas and Philip D. Wilson had an article in "Modern Medicine of Canada" in July entitled "Vertebral Fractures with Osteoporosis." Also, Dr. Olav Austlid, Associate Director of our Department of Physical Medicine had an article entitled "Special Problems in Total Medical Care of the Handicapped Patient After Hospital Discharge: Two Case Reports" in "Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation."

********** J. C. H.



ELEVENTH ANNUAL R & C BALL

WHERE YA GONNA GO? ESSEX HOUSE!
WHATCHA GONNA DO? DANCE!

"Did you see her trying on that new dress?" "Yes, wasn't it pretty? I suppose she hopes to get a date to take her to the annual R & C Ball."

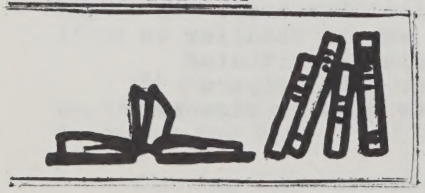
"I wonder who that cute new reseident will ask." "I have seen one of the nurses fluttering about--maybe he's already asked her." "Heck! Well, better luck next year!"

These conversations were overheard recently by one of the members of the dance committee. It was also observed that November 11th is the BIG DATE! Will you be there?

The following has just been received from one of our committee chairmen: "Does the H.S.S. crystal ball show a new man in your future? The escort bureau is busy finding just the right man for you.

********** W. R. B.

PATIENTS LIBRARY



Watch for the opening soon of a new section of our library--the Constance Nash Sherlock Memorial for Children. This room has been made possible by friends of the late Mrs. Sherlock and the Dyson Foundation. It will be the childrens section of our Library and is placed so as to make it feasible for the young people on stretchers to visit it as well as--we hope--all our junior patients.

********** J. C. B.

CLINIC NOTES

To all our Staff and Personnel, who have been acquiring sunburn, freckles, travel souvenirs, and a choice assortment of blisters, mosquito bites, and depleted bank accounts: Welcome back to HSS!

There are a few who divided up their holidays, or who haven't taken any as yet and they still have vacation time to look forward to. John Daily, our Plaster Room orderly, is one of those lucky ones and after the hard work he's put in all summer, we're sure he's looking forward to his share of vacation.

Time was, when the number of patients thinned out during the hot weather. But as our Hospital becomes better known for its fine work in Orthopedics, the list of patients increases, and every day of this past summer was a busy one in every clinic, and especially in the Plaster Room.

Miss Curran, R.N., was in charge of the Clinic for a month, and did an excellent job of running it smoothly, and handling all problems with patience and tact. Miss O'Rourke, R.N., and Miss Wagner, R.N., worked like the proverbial beavers in Clinic, and as Mrs. Murray was on vacation, they also helped us in the Plaster Room when cases piled up, as they usually did, around 4 p.m.

Mrs. Josephine Sullivan, L.P.N., had her hands full with a steady flow of "patrons" of the Sterile Technique room who always seem to arrive in bunches rather than singly, with every complaint from the serious one of arthritis, calling for careful medication, to the less serious one of a speck of dust in the eye, calling for soulful gazing into the eyes of one of our handsome Residents while he extracts it.

Mrs. Murray, L.P.N., has just returned from a vacation in Canada with her husband. They drove to New Brunswick where they spent those sunny weeks boating, fishing, and swimming, while visiting Mrs. Murray's Aunt. We were all very glad to have her back and in charge of the Plaster Room once more.

The golf tournament will probably be only a memory when this goes to press, but we hope it will have turned out to be a fine sunny day for all our doctors, and that our enthusiastic hurricane of September 15 did not wash away the greens. We are glad that Donna chose to slosh her wet and windy way along the Atlantic Coast before the 15th.

We are also glad to report that Miss O'Rourke's mother, a recent patient at HSS due to a knee injury, is recuperating successfully at home.

********** M. J. B.

PROJECT HOPE

Miss Johana Vettoretti, Secretary to Dr. Philip D. Wilson, and Miss Arlene Daley, R.N., both employees of the Hospital for Special Surgery, have been selected as members of the staff of the 15,000 ton hospital ship, "HOPE",

A project of the People to People Health Foundation of America, the "HOPE" will serve as a medical training center for doctors of other nations, sharing modern medical knowledge and skills with newly developing countries. More than 1,500 physicians, nurses and medical technicians have volunteered to serve aboard the 230 bed ship which will sail from San Francisco in September and this Fall will visit Indonesia and Viet-Nam. Other stops have been scheduled in the Far East in 1961.

Miss Vettoretti will be in charge of the Medical Records of the ship.

********** J. C. H.

AMONG OURSELVES

Well, Hurricane Donna has come and gone with inconvenience to many of our staff but as far as we know, without any property damage or loss to anyone here. "Hop Scotch", the Flying Scot, skippered by Warren E. Ungberg, (Administrator of the Cassary Research Building) et al, (meaning other members of his family) held fast to its mooring and came through unscathed.....Luis Garcia, of our Painting Department, was admitted to the Veterans Hospital on West Kingsbridge Road recently. We understand that he is much better and is up and around and will soon be discharged.....Miss Ann Hood, R.N., spent most of the month of August as a patient on 8 South. She was discharged two weeks ago and is recuperating at home,..... Mrs. Stephen G. Barry, formerly on the staff of the Director's Office, and perhaps better known to everyone as Liz Bergmann, is the proud mother of a boy, Stephen by name, who was born at Misericordia Hospital on September 12, weighing in at 7 pounds, 10½ ounces.....Dr. Harold Wainerdi was a patient for a few days in room 806 due to a badly infected finger.....We are glad to welcome back Miss Gwendolyn DuBuque, R.N., who has rejoined the staff of our Operating Room. We would, at this time, like to express our sympathy to Miss DuBuque on the recent death of her mother on August 20th.....Our sympathy also goes to Miss Esther Malamed of our OT staff upon the death of her mother.....Miss Minette Nast, member of the faculty of the School for Practical Nursing, has had published a second edition of her book "Simplified Drugs and Solutions for Nurses, Including Arithmetic.".....Miss Evelyn Oglesby, a graduate of our School for Practical Nursing, is now on the staff of the Jane Cook Hospital at Frenchburg, Kentucky.

********** J. C. H.

DOCTORS' OFFICE-3RD FLOOR

Summer or shall I say vacation time is over and we are settling down to the old routine. This past week our doctors have all been busy with the SICOT meeting at the Astor Hotel. Johana Vettoretti, who was Dr. Wilson's secretary for 16 years, has left to work on the ship PROJECT HOPE. We all wish her a safe journey and happy times. Miss Dorothy Sellitto is a new addition in Dr. Wilson's office, replacing Miss Vettoretti. We welcome her and hope she will be happy with us. We also welcome Sandra Pomerantz who is working in Dr. Freyberg's office, replacing Norma Bain.

Now that our thoughts are away from vacation planning, let them turn to our annual dance which is to take place on November 11th at the Essex House. Make plans now to attend this dance, as I am sure you will have a wonderful time. Tickets will be available this week, at the price of $3.00 per person. Dress will be optional.

********** G. C. B.

EIGHTH WORLD CONGRESS

During the week of August 28th to September 2nd, a convention of the Eighth World Congress of the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples was held in New York City. We believe that the title adequately describes the purposes and aims of this Society. Delegates came to it from all over the world including some of the countries behind the Iron Curtain. Tours were conducted to many other hospitals and Welfare organizations in this city, Long Island, Westchester and New Jersey. Two "Tours" were arranged for HSS. On Tuesday, September 23, we arranged for a group of 115 delegates to come to our Lecture Hall to hear a series of ten minute talks given by members of our attending staff and our residents. We have been told that this was one of the most popular tours of the Congress and we believe it, for when the buses discharged their passengers, more than 150 people crowded into the Lecture Hall. The second tour was on September 1st and the delegates were shown three of our facilities. They visited our children's recreation area in the clinic and our occupational therapy kitchen on the second floor. Finally, they attended a Cerebral Palsy clinic conducted by Dr. William Cooper.

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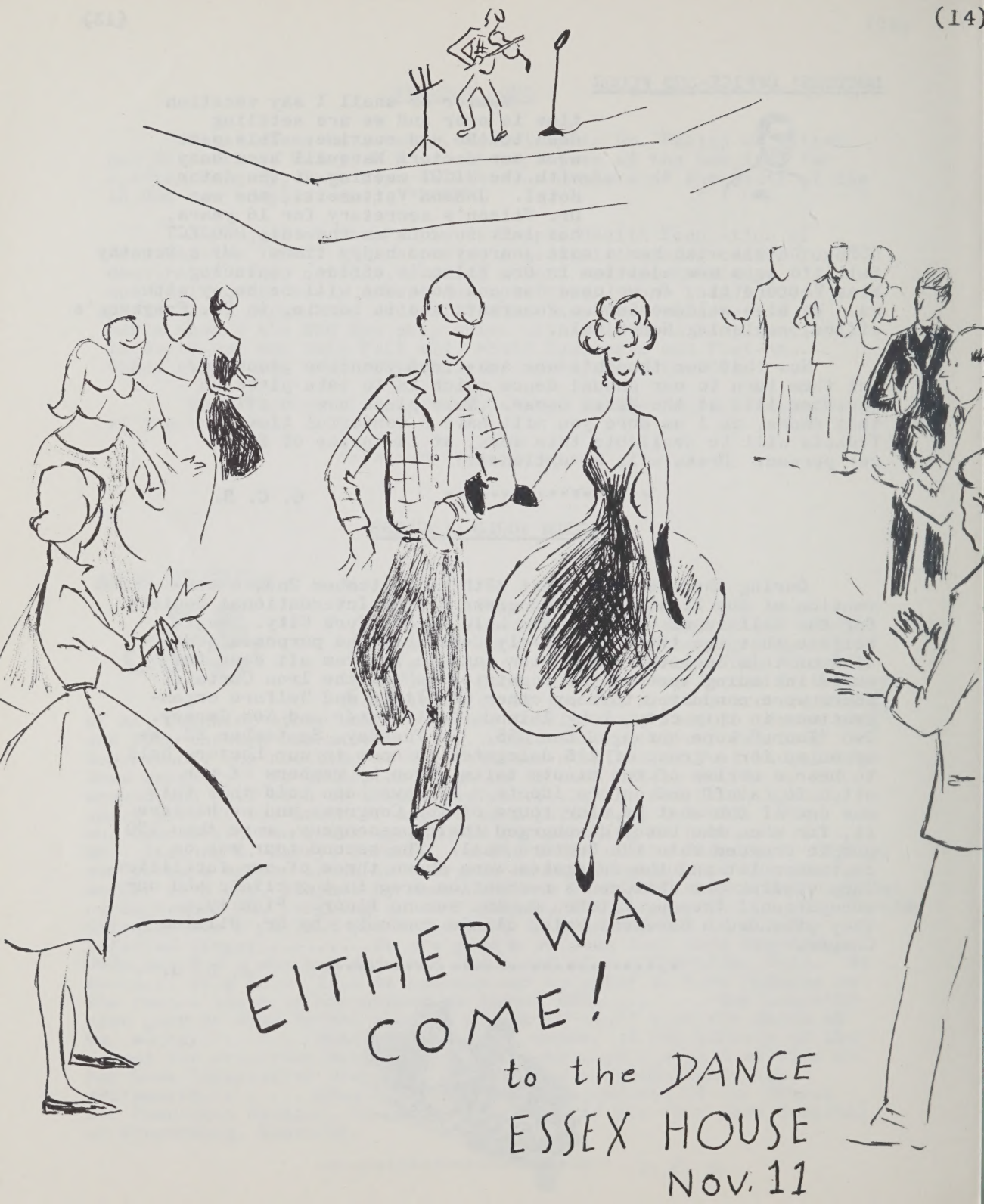
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to the DANCE
ESSEX HOUSE
Nov. 11

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